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| Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS |) | |
| FOR DEPLOYING A PERCUTANEOUS |) | |
| PROBE |) | |

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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In response to the Office Action mailed August 27, 2003, the Applicant, through undersigned counsel, hereby elects Group I, claims 1-30 and 35-41, drawn to a housing with a releasable attachment, classified in class 607, subclass 149. This election is made *without traverse*.

In view of the foregoing election without traverse, the Examiner is respectfully requested to take up this application for examination at the earliest convenience.

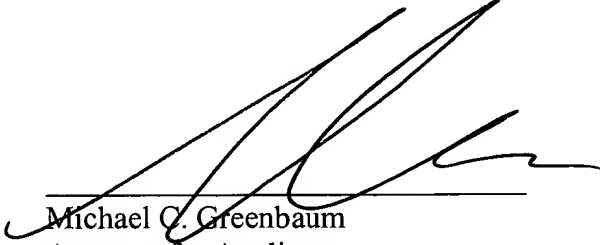
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In the event that a petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted herewith and in the event that a separate petition does not accompany this Response or is insufficient to render this Response timely, the Applicant hereby petitions under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an

extension of time for as many months as are required to render this submission timely. Any fee due is authorized above.

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